

House Bill 1114
HIV Prevention Drugs - Prescribing, Dispensing, and Insurance Coverage
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Favorable

Esteemed Chair Bagnall and Members of the Health Committee, my name is Amy Isler and I am a constituent of Maryland District 44A. As a former public educator and a parent, **I support HB 1114, HIV Prevention Drugs - Prescribing, Dispensing, and Insurance Coverage.**

This bill provides life-saving medical care that is essential to the health and well being of all Marylanders, and especially marginalized groups, such as transgender people, who are often missed by this care.

According to Trans Equality's US Trans Survey of 2022, transgender people are at higher risk of HIV infection due to a variety of social issues including discrimination, poverty, and limited access to high-quality health care. Additionally, the CDC reports that HIV disproportionately impacts trans women, particularly those of color. Even though PrEP dramatically reduces the risk of contracting HIV, the CDC's HIV Surveillance Report found that not all transgender populations are being reached.

HB 1114 would authorize pharmacists to prescribe and dispense PrEP and remove health insurance barriers to obtaining PrEP. This increased access to life-saving drugs will benefit all Marylanders, especially transgender people.

For these reasons, **I strongly urge a favorable report on HB 1114.** Thank you.